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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TARA AMBER DOLAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

FRANK BISIGNANO,

Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:24-cv-01617-DJC-JDP

STIPULATION AND ORDER APPROVING
SETTLEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES
PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL
ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT,
28 U.S.C. §2412(d)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties, through their undersigned counsel, subject to the Court's approval, that Plaintiff be awarded TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) in attorney fees and ZERO COSTS AND EXPENSES under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA") 28 U.S.C. §2412(d). This amount represents compensation for legal services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §2412(d). Plaintiff's net worth at the time of this action was less than \$2 million.

After the Court issues an order awarding EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the Government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order awarding EAJA fees is entered, the Government

1 will determine whether the fees are subject to any offset. If the Department
2 of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the
3 Government shall cause the payment of fees to be made directly to Plaintiff's
4 counsel, Barbara Marie Rizzo, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff.
5 Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.

6 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's
7 request for EAJA attorney fees and does not constitute an admission of
8 liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed
9 amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims
10 that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to EAJA attorney
11 fees in connection with this action.

12 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to
13 seek attorney fees pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §406(b),
14 subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.

15 Respectfully submitted,

16 Dated: November 14, 2025

"/s/Barbara Marie Rizzo"
BARBARA MARIE RIZZO
Attorney for Plaintiff

18 Dated: November 14, 2025

"/s/Edmund Darcher"
EDMUND DARCHER
(As authorized via e-mail)
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Commissioner of Social Security

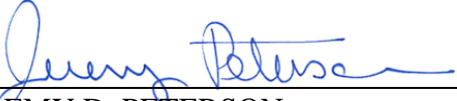
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TARA AMBER DOLAN,)	Case No.: 2:24-cv-01617-DJC-JDP
)	
Plaintiff,)	PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING
)	PARTIES' STIPULATION FOR ATTORNEY
v.)	FEES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS
)	TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C.
)	§2412(d)
FRANK BISIGNANO,)	
Commissioner of Social)	
Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED that Plaintiff shall be awarded attorney fees in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) AND ZERO COSTS AND EXPENSES, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. §2412(d), subject to the terms of the above referenced Stipulation.
IT IS SO ORDERED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 18, 2025


JEREMY D. PETERSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE